

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND REPORTS

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SUBJECT: O/RR Survey of Capabilities in other Government Agencies

1. CIA Regulation 70 provides that the Assistant Director for Research and Reports shall....."Coordinate the research and reporting activities of governmental and other agencies in specified fields of common concern and in other intelligence fields as directed"..... NSCID-15 approved 13 June 1951 charges CIA with certain coordinating functions with respect to economic intelligence, and it is expected that this CIA responsibility will devolve largely on O/RR. It is obvious that O/RR coordinating activities with respect to other agencies must be based on accurate knowledge of the capabilities and activities of those other agencies. This knowledge should include at least the names of individuals who have proven valuable contacts, the organizational setup of the agencies, and their stores of information and facilities for production. The knowledge required by O/RR cannot, of course, be gained overnight; that a beginning may be made, however, the responsibilities listed in paragraphs 2. - 4. below are assigned.
2. All division chiefs will cause individuals under them having intelligence contacts with other agencies to set up, if they have not already done so, and to keep current their lists of contacts. These lists should be in such form as to be serviceable to the immediate superior, immediate subordinates, and co-workers, and should show name, official position, telephone number, degree of clearance, and brief comment as to special usefulness.
3. Chief, D/C, will obtain and disseminate organization charts and similar material of the IAC agencies as available, and of other agencies whose charts division chiefs consider important.
4. Chiefs of the four economic divisions will cause to be set up, and to be developed as circumstances permit, files, by branch or by other unit considered appropriate, of the specific information-capabilities, interests, and facilities, pertinent to the unit, of other government agencies and also of non-government organizations. For initial use in this connection there are forwarded with this memo two background studies carried out in connection with the O/RR response to NSC Action 282: Appendix "C" Part I, The Primary Foreign Economic Information Interests of Certain Government Agencies, and Appendix "C" Part II, The Primary Foreign Economic Information Activities of Certain Government Agencies. An example of the type of survey that it is contemplated should eventually be in these files is the survey of rail-transportation

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information recently compiled by D/C, of which a copy is available for information in Room 2110, "L" Building. For the immediate present, it is desired that information as to the capabilities of other agencies be sought only incidentally to normal contacts, and that no specific direct queries be made. It is hoped that in the near future, with the support of a directive from the Economic Intelligence Committee, a more thoroughgoing survey may be initiated.

5. It is desired that initial steps in this program be taken immediately and that development be pushed as may be possible. Detailed questions as to the intent of paragraph 4. above may be taken up with Mr. Balivet; general questions as to the scope, direction, and emphasis of the whole program should be offered for discussion in O/RH staff meetings as they arise.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

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